IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

MARK MARTELL, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,	
Plaintiff,	Case No. 23-cv-5449
VS.	8
X CORP.,	
Defendant.	

DECLARATION OF IN SUPPORT OF X CORP.'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE UNDER SEAL

, declare as follows:

- 1. I am currently a wholly owned subsidiary of X Holdings Corp. ("X Holdings"). In my role, I have acquired personal knowledge of X Holdings' policy relating to the confidentiality of its business and financial information, including the identities of its owners/shareholders. The facts set forth in this declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and are based on my personal knowledge and/or information to which I have access.
- I submit this declaration in support of X Corp.'s Unopposed Motion for Leave to
 File Under Seal in the above-captioned case.
- 3. The identities of the owners/shareholders of X Corp.'s parent company, X Holdings, constitute sensitive confidential and private business information. As a matter of routine practice and policy, X Holdings does not publish or make publicly available information regarding its owners or shareholders and treats such information as confidential. Individuals and entities investing and taking an ownership interest in a private corporation such as X Holdings expect that

such information will remain private. The public disclosure of such information would violate this expectation of privacy. Moreover, in certain cases, X Holdings is contractually bound to keep such information confidential.

- 4. The disclosure of information regarding its owners/shareholders potentially could enable X Holdings' competitors to undermine X Holdings' competitive position in the marketplace, allow current or prospective business partners or counterparties to take unfair advantage of X Holdings in negotiations or other business affairs, or otherwise prejudice X Holdings' business interests. To that end, X Corp. and X. Holdings Corp. have implemented and maintained policies that prohibit employees from accessing information beyond what is reasonably necessary to perform their duties, limiting access to certain non-public information, permitting access to documents and data on a need-to-know-basis, and requiring employees to sign confidentiality agreements.
- 5. I understand that X Corp.'s Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Under Seal requests that the Court maintain information regarding the identities of X Holdings' owners/shareholders under seal. This information is private and confidential, and the disclosure of such information would be injurious to those owners/shareholders and X Holdings for the reasons stated above.
- 6. I also understand that X Corp.'s Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Under Seal requests that the Court maintain under seal certain identifying information contained in this declaration. I may face threats, harassment, and an invasion of privacy if my identity were disclosed, and the disclosure of such identifying information would be injurious to me for those reasons.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 14, 2023 in